

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2004 at 1:00 PM

(Approved 01-26-2004)

- Item No. 1 Call to order by Judge Louis H. Bruni
Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 1:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Louis H. Bruni	County Judge
Jerry Vasquez	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Felix Velasquez	Commissioner, Pct. 3
David Cortez	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 8th of January 2004. Present also were Ms. Nora Elia Prado, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

- Item No. 2 Roll Call – Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

- Item No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by All

- Item No. 4 Approval of minutes – December 8, 2003 and December 15, 2003

Cmr. Vasquez, Cmr. Gutierrez, Cmr. Cortez and Judge Bruni did not present any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes presented. Cmr. Velasquez stated that on Item No. 5 of the minutes of December 8th, the amount should be \$200,000 instead of \$2,000.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve minutes with correction presented. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 5 Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, presented her monthly report for November 2003 and stated that the monthly report for December 2003 would be submitted at the end of the month.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 7 Public Comment

Mr. John A. Castro, candidate for Cmr. Pct. 3, was present to address the court regarding Item No. 8.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move up Item No. 8. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 8 Discussion and possible action to instruct staff to provide Commissioners Court with a civil service plan, and the manner of its implementation for the benefit of Webb County employees.

Judge Bruni stated that he placed this item on the agenda in the hopes that by implementing a civil service plan, it would provide job security for County employees.

Mr. John A. Castro advised the Court that he would be addressing them as a candidate for Cmr. Pct. 3, not as a member of SDA (Students in Democratic Action). He stated that instigating a civil service plan is his No. 1 priority in his campaign. He stated that this would give employees the opportunity to campaign for the candidates they believe in without fear of reprisal by the incumbent. He hoped that this civil service plan would become a reality in the close future.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that discussions and concerns about implementing a civil service plan have been around for several years. He stated that due to the 2000 Census, Webb County's population is not enough to meet the criteria set by Legislature for a county to set up a civil service plan. He stated that the minimum needed would be 200,000 to set up a civil service for County employees and 500,000 to set up an individual civil service plan for Sheriff's employees only. He stated that it was possible for Legislature to exempt Webb County from meeting the population requirements or amending the legislature to remove the population requirements. He stated that this would have to be done through a representative and any order by the Commissioners Court to implement a civil service plan at this time would not be valid because the authority is only extended to counties with populations over 200,000.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to have representative bring up civil service exemption for Webb County at the next Legislative Session. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to move back to Item No. 6. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 6 Communications

Cmr. Cortez advised the public and court that the Texas Department of Transportation would be holding the 1st Public Hearing on January 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Washington Middle School regarding the possible construction of an overpass on Santa Maria Ave. at the railroad tracks by Mines Road. He urged the citizens who live in that area to show up at the hearing to support the construction of this overpass.

Cmr. Velasquez expressed concerns over the comments made by the 49th District Court Judge (Manuel Flores) regarding the Provaqua Project and the manner in which the court handled the project. He stated that the Court has tried very much to monitor the budget and expenditures. He also commended Ms. Sylvia Palumbo and those assisting her for their work.

Cmr. Gutierrez advised the Court and public that the Self Help Center had broken ground and should be up in 6-8 months. She also stated that there would be a meeting with the colonia residents regarding water and sewer lines to answer any questions or concerns the citizens may have. She stated that many were confused after reading an article published in a San Antonio newspaper regarding the Texas Plan.

Item No. 9 Discussion and possible action to approve a contract for legal services with the Watts Law Firm in connection with asserting claims, if any, for non-payment/underpayment of mineral royalty interests, and related items.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised Court that he was unsure as to whether school land funds could be used to pay for these services and had concerns about contract. He recommended that the item be deferred.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to defer item. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion failed 2-3 with Judge Bruni, Cmr. Gutiérrez and Cmr. Cortez voting against.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve contract with Watts Law Firm if conditions are met as per County Attorney. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

The conditions are as follows: inclusion of 30 day termination clause, negotiation of lease agreement, association with other attorneys only with Court approval, filing of claims with court approval only, verification if school land funds could be used to pay for services.

Motion carried 3-2 with Cmr. Vasquez and Cmr. Velasquez voting against.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move up Item No. 19 and No. 42. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 19 Discussion and possible action to accept grant for the operation of a supervised visitation center from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women in the amount of \$350,000.00 for two years, to accept the contractual terms of such grant, and to authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary documents. No County match is required.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that this grant had been approved in November 2003 and stated that only document needed is Memorandum of Understanding between Webb County and the Laredo Children's Advocacy Center, which would be brought to next meeting. Mr. Ramirez stated that Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was necessary because the Advocacy Center is the administrator for the grant and MOU is needed to expend funds. Mr. Juan Cruz, President of Board of Laredo Children's Advocacy Center, stated that the "Safe Haven" grant has been successfully procured and would be used to create a safe haven for transfer of children in custody cases.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 42 Discussion and possible action to award/reject request for proposals for Webb County restoration and preservation of County Records to Landata Technologies, Inc. for the County Clerk's Department. [Account # 005-1120-3116-1 Records Archive Fees County Clerk Archive Fund]

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 10 Discussion and possible action to solicit bids for the sale of the old Detention Center property (300 acre property).

Cmr. Velasquez expressed concerns about the low appraised value of the property and felt that developers may be interested in purchasing the land. He also stated that a possible tax break might be given to homeowners but that the mineral rights to the property would not be sold. Cmr. Gutierrez questioned the timing to sell property due to continuing development in the area and possible increase of value.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to table item. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 11 Discussion and possible action on proposal for an Integrated Document Management System Requirement Analysis by the Garcia Group at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

Cmr. Cortez stated that this was the first step in bringing Webb County into the present technologically.

Mr. Joseph Garcia, Garcia Group, made a presentation to the Court regarding an Integrated Document Management System Requirement Analysis and how it would benefit Webb County.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Commissioners Court Executive Administrator, advised Court that it would be best if Mr. Garcia contracted directly with Mr. Sepulveda and requested that the item be deferred.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to defer item. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

BREAK (2:27 pm to 2:41 pm)

- Item No. 12 Discussion and possible action to grant the County Auditor authority to expend funds from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), and Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), for FY-2004, effective January 1, 2004, pending the receipt of all required grant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion with discussion

Ms. Cynthia Mares, Community Action Agency Director, advised Court that contract was not in place but should be in place within two weeks.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 13 Discussion and possible action to approve budget revisions to Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), FY-2003.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion with discussion.

Ms. Cynthia Mares, Community Action Agency Director, advised Court that there were cost savings in payroll and those monies were disbursed into line items that had been cut and were in need of funds.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 14 Discussion and possible action to enter into a two (2) year (December 1, 2003 through November 30, 2005) maintenance agreement with YORK INTERNATIONAL to provide Maintenance Services for the Carrier Air Conditioning Chiller located at the Administrative Building. The total cost of the two (2) year agreement is FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$5,450.00), and authorizing the county judge to execute all relevant documents. [Account # 001-0106-6401 Repairs and Maintenance Buildings Requested by Facilities Department]
- Item No. 15 Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year subscriber agreement (December 22, 2003 through December 21, 2004) with Autophone of Laredo to provide Nextel Communication Services for four (4) Nextel i58sr cellular telephones. The cost of the four (4) Nextel phones is FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHT DOLLARS (\$408.00) with a monthly communication air-time service fee for the four phones of ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND NINETY-SIX CENTS (\$169.96) for a total cost of TWO THOUSAND FOUR-HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY TWO CENTS (\$2,447.52) over the lease term, and authorizing the county judge to execute all relevant documents. [Account # 001-0109-6004 Telephone Requested by Facilities Department]
- Item No. 16 Discussion and possible action to readopt the adjustment of County precinct lines for the area South of Hillside Road, West of Gallagher, North of Markley Lane, and East of IH-35 from Webb County Precinct 3 into Webb County Precinct 4 and direct the Webb County Elections Administrator to modify voting precincts to conform to this change and comply with State Notice requirements, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
- Item No. 17 Discussion and possible action to accept, by order, 7 roadway rights-of-way and public utility easements, out of Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision, 8 roadway rights-of-way and public utility easements, out of Laredo Ranchettes Subdivision, 7 roadway rights of way and public utility easements, out of Ranchitos 359 East Subdivision, and one (1) out of

Ranchitos IV Los Minerales Annex and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

- Item No. 18 Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004) commercial lease agreement with Consolidated Towne East Holdings L.C. concerning office lease space of approximately 2300 square feet located at 3710 Loop 20 at a cost of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,185.00) a month and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Account # 679-8105-8103 Building Improvements Requested by Hon. Ricardo Rangel, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Place 2]
- Item No. 20 Discussion and possible action to enter into an engineering contract with Sherfey Engineering, Company, L.L.C. for the design of road improvements and storm water drainage facilities in Mirando City and Bruni, in an amount not to exceed THREE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$306,050.00) and authorizing the County Engineer to negotiate reductions in Additional Services and issue work requests as needed and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
- Item No. 21 Discussion and possible action to approve Work Authorization Number 2 with Dannenbaum Engineering for Webb County International Bridge 1 project at a cost of FIVE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$505,000.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account # 625-8104-6022 Professional Services and 662-8104-6022 Professional Services]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 14, No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, No. 18, No. 20 and No. 21 as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion with discussion on No. 21.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Commissioners Court Executive Administrator, stated that the monies requested for Item No. 21 are necessary to complete additional analysis that need to be made. He stated that if the Court did not approve this work authorization, it would have a negative effect on the current bridge application and put the county behind the city in obtaining the presidential permit. Cmr. Cortez advised Court and public that he did not support the county's pursuit to build the 5th bridge and would not support this item.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Cortez voting against. (Item No. 21 only)

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 14, No. 16, No. 17, No. 18 and No. 20 as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion with discussion on Item No. 16.

Mr. Raul Casso, County Judge's Chief of Staff, stated that adjustment shown on Item No. 16 was approved last January and needed to be reaffirmed by the Court. He stated that Markley Street should be Canal Street. Cmr. Cortez stated that it was the responsibility of the Elections Administrator to designate a precinct number for the new area.

Cmr. Vasquez withdrew his second.

Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion with discussion.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that this would incorporate local redistricting with legislative redistricting and stated that there would probably be more adjustments. Ms. Rhonda Tiffin, Planning Department, stated that this readjustment of election precinct boundaries was necessary because they overlapped commission precinct boundaries.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Fernando Gonzalez was present on behalf of Mr. Raul Elizondo, Maintenance and Facilities Department. He stated that the phones were needed for Parks and Grounds employees. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that the phones were two-way walkie-talkies to communicate between one another and only Mr. Elizondo would have cellular phone service.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 15 as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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| Item No. 22 | Discussion and possible action on submission of the grant applications for the District Attorney's Initiative Against Domestic Violence Programs. |
| Item No. 23 | Discussion and possible action to transfer title of a 2002 Honda Odyssey LX Minivan and a 2000 Dodge Stratus. These vehicles were seized by the DEA Task Force Investigators attached to the District Attorney's Office, and will be used by them. |
| Item No. 24 | Discussion and possible action regarding transferring of title of a 1999 Ford Explorer to the District Attorney's Office. This vehicle is being used by the DEA Task Force Investigators attached to the District Attorney's Office. |

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 22, No. 23 and No. 24 as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 25 Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of the Oilton Elevated Storage Water Tank (TCDP Contract # 721859) as recommended by the project engineer, Mr. Willie Rivera, Naismith Engineering, Inc. and that all final bills and retainage be approved.

Item No. 26 Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of the Mirando Community Center Expansion (TCDP Contract # 721859) as recommended by the project architect, Mr. Mario Jasso, Architects Plus, and that all final bills and retainage be approved.

Item No. 27 Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of the completion of the construction of a septic tank at the Penitas West Community Park (TCDP Contract # 721859) and retainage of \$1,982.40 be approved for payment.

Item No. 28 Discussion and possible action to accept the grant award from the Texas Association of Regional Council for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) grant in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the performance period of January 1, 2004 to August 31, 2004.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 25, No. 26, No. 27 and No. 28 as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29 Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 036 – General Repairs Person at a rate of \$8.60 per hour.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30 Discussion and possible to fill slot # 1616, full-time Teacher Assistant (40 hrs/week for 11 months) at \$15,458, effective January 13, 2004.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 31 Discussion and possible action to approve filling vacant slot # 1891 General Assistant Eligibility Worker I at \$9.00 per hour.
- Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.
- Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, advised Court that the internal audit of the Webb County Indigent Services department was in the last stages and should be completed in mid-February. Cmr. Velasquez stated that he would like to have Request for Qualifications be submitted for Director of the Indigent Services Department. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that he would have an item on the next agenda to that effect.
- Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.
- Item No. 32 Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certificate of No Plat Required" pursuant to the exemption provisions of the Webb County Subdivision Regulations under Section XVI, Subsection 1.A (2) to the following tracts:
1. Cingular Wireless, located at 140 East Eighth St., Lots 2, 4, & 6, Block 54, Bruni Subdivision.
2. Cingular Wireless, located at 975 Santo Nino Rd., being an 8.2642 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Share 1, Tract 5 of J. Poitevent Survey 460, Abstract 2113, Certificate 2/101, also known as Parcel 4, as further described in Vol. 302, pages 5-14 of the Webb County Deed Records.
- Item No. 33 Discussion and possible action to issue "Certifications Regarding Compliance with Plat Requirements and the Connection of Utilities" to authorize utility connections to the following properties:
- Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (i):
1. Tract 209, Ranchitos Las Lomas, II Subdivision, (electricity – one dwelling only).
- Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 32 and No. 33 as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.
- Item No. 34 Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchasing agent to represent the County of Webb at the Texas A & M International University Career Expo on Thursday, March 25, 2004 and approve the registration fee of \$100.
- Item No. 35 Discussion and possible action for the Commissioners Court to authorize the Purchasing Agent to report the proceeds of the

auctioning of vehicles and equipment on December 13, 2003 in the amount of \$11,153.40 from CABCO Auctioneering Service.

- Item No. 36 Discussion and possible action to award contracts for the repairs due to rain damage on October 11, 2003 to the Administration Building to the following vendors: Dry Wall and Tape/Float and repaint; (a) ORNE'S CONSTRUCTION \$4,400.00 – flooring, vinyl composition tile and carpeting; (b) DIRECT FLOOR CENTER \$13,059.37 for a grand total of \$17,459.37. (Account #001-0105-6032-05 Flood Damage 10/03)
- Item No. 37 Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of one (1) sewer inspection camera system from R. S. Technical Services, Inc. for \$19,900.00 with the surplus funds from the Rio Bravo Sewer Project for the Utilities Department in Rio Bravo and El Cenizo. (Account #645-8001-8801 Capital Outlay)
- Item No. 38 Discussion and possible action for the Commissioners Court to authorize to Purchasing Agent to solicit and award proposal for a South Texas Counties Symposium on Indigent Defense processes.
[Symposium to be paid with grant funds]
- Item No. 39 Discussion and possible action to award contracts for the L.I.F.E. Downs repairs to the following vendors:
Roof Repairs:
Lara's Welding (Sale Barn \$21,230.00);
Park Avenue Construction, Inc. (Show Barn \$17,300. 00)
Park Avenue Construction, Inc. (Steer Pen Area \$2,803.00)
Overhead Door Repairs:
West Texas Doors (\$1,105.25)
[Account # 01-0105-6032-04 Storm Damage 06/03]
- Item No. 40 Discussion and possible action to award/reject bid # 2004-32 "Improvements to Tex-Mex Building" to Zertuche Construction as follows:
1. Base bid \$42,000.00
2. Alternate #4 \$10,200.00
3. Alternate #6 \$ 5,750.00
[Account # 659-8000-8002 Land Acquisition]
- Item No. 41 Discussion and possible action to award a contract to Zavala's Masonry for installing and preparing concrete pads for the Little Palominos and Ninos Alegres Headstart centers for a total cost of \$23,867.30.
[Account # 903-4208-6401 Repairs and Maintenance Buildings]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 34, No. 35, No. 36, No. 37, No. 38, No. 39, No. 40 and No. 41 as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that his recommendation for Item No. 38 was the Equal Justice Center for \$18,000. He also stated that the contract for Item No. 41 was to Zavala's Masonry and IBC Bank.

Item No. 43 Discussion and possible action to approve the payment of \$1,595.98 for overtime hours accrued by Sheriff Department employees due to the October 13, 2003 flood. [Account # 001-0105-6032-05 Flood Damage 10/03]

Item No. 44 Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a side bill (no purchase order issued) in the amount of \$634.95 payable to Clement Communications. [Account # 001-0105-6205 Materials and Supplies]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 43 and No. 44 as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 45 Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 1380 Concrete/Steel Setter at \$10.08 an hour and slot # 1900 Plant Operator II at \$10.88 an hour.

Item No. 46 Discussion and possible action to purchase a Flat Bed Triple Axle Gooseneck Trailer in the amount of \$6,500.00 as approved by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms under grant cooperative agreement #ATC 03000280.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve Item No. 45 and No. 46 as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 47 Discussion and possible action to approve revised job titles for employees of the Treasurer's Office as follows:
Slot 0077 Administrative Assistant to Accounts Payable Supervisor
Slot 0078 Payroll Clerk II to Assistant Operations Administrator
Slot 0080 Administrative Technician to Administrative Payroll Technician
Slot 0081 Accounts Payable Clerk to Office Clerk

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion with discussion.

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, stated that there would be no salary increases or decreases for these positions. She stated that the title changes would be to reflect their job duties and descriptions.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move up the Addendum items. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum
Item No. 1

Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. in the amount of ELEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,650,000.00) for the construction of the Webb County Regional Water Treatment Plant, subject to final approval of the contractor and the County Attorney, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum
Item No. 2

Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$496,000.00) for the construction of a 200,000 gallon single pedestal elevated water storage tank, foundation and associate piping to supply water to the City of El Cenizo, subject to final approval of the contractor and the County Attorney, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Addendum
Item No. 3

Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Ramos Industries, Inc. for the Webb County Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion to 1.5 MGD located in Rio Bravo, Texas, in the amount of FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS (\$4,399,306.00), subject to final approval of the contractor and the County Attorney, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Addendum Item No. 2 and No. 3 as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum
Item No. 4

Discussion and possible action to enter into Third Party Funding contracts as follow:

Laredo Chamber of Commerce	\$150,000.00
Miss Laredo Production	\$10,000.00

and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that these monies would be coming from Hotel/Motel funds and the Miss Texas Production was shown in the budget as the Miss Texas Pageant

Addendum
Item No. 6

Discussion and possible action to grant the Webb County Auditor authority to expend funds from the Laredo Financial Disruption Task Force that funds the Laredo Multi-Agency Drug Related Public Corruption Task Force, City of Laredo Grantee Resolution 2003-R-045.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum
Item No. 7

Discussion and possible action to approve the use of County property for parking during the Jamboozie and any matter incident thereto.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move into Executive Session. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (3:52 pm to 4:29 pm)

Judge Bruni reconvened meeting and stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

- Item No. 48 Discussion and possible action regarding the property damage claim of Minerva Arredondo resulting from a motor vehicle collision which occurred on or about May 9, 2003 with a county vehicle driven by a Road and Bridge employee. (Executive Session is requested pursuant to Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney)

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended that the Court authorize settlement along the parameters discussed in Executive Session.

- Item No. 49 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2002-CVQ-000312-D2; Calixto Flores vs. Webb County, in the 111th Judicial District Court, Webb County Texas. (Executive Session is requested pursuant to Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney)

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended that the Court authorize settlement along the parameters discussed in Executive Session.

- Item No. 50 Discussion and possible action regarding the property damage claim of Veronica Rangel and Humberto Rangel resulting from an incident which occurred on or about November 6, 2003 involving a Headstart employee. (Executive Session is requested pursuant to Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney)

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended that the Court authorize settlement along the parameters discussed in Executive Session.

- Item No. 51 Discussion and possible action regarding the bodily injury claim of Lucia Huntington resulting from a motor vehicle collision which occurred on or about September 22, 2003 with a county vehicle driven by a Sheriff's Department employee. (Executive Session is requested pursuant to Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney)

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that he had conveyed the offer received to the Court and recommended settlement.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to accept recommendations by County Attorney for Item No. 48, No. 49, No. 50 and No. 51. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 52 Discussion and possible action regarding issues related to the employment suspension and loss of wages by Road and Bridge Department employee Mr. Jose M. Peña. (Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.074 - Personnel Matter)

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended payment of lost wages and no loss in tenure.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to accept recommendation. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 53 Discussion and possible action regarding Civil Action No. L-03-CV-118; Juanita Cantu, plaintiff, vs. Webb County, Texas, and Margarita "Margie" Ibarra Ramirez, defendants; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. (Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney)

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that no action was needed and was for information only.

Addendum

- Item No. 5 Discussion and possible action regarding Civil Action No. I-03-11-; Daniel Lombrana vs. Webb County; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. (Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney)

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that no action was needed and was for status only.

- Item No. 54 Adjournment

Addendum

- Item No. 8 Adjournment

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to adjourn meeting. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.